

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH 2013 6:30 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

1. ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Freeway and Transportation Commission was convened at 6:38 p.m. Commissioners present: Evans, Margrave and Nuckols. Council Liaison: Cacciotti. Staff present: Transportation Manager Woods and City staff Zneimer.

2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

The Commission approved (3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent) February 19, 2013 Regular meeting minutes with corrections.

(Evans, Nuckols)

3. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

As Chair Sherman and Vice Chair Reynolds were not able to attend the meeting, Commission Evans was the acting chair for the Freeway & Transportation Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Margrave brought talked about congestion on Fremont. He believed that the congestion was getting worse and that traffic can back-up due to the Gold Line crossing. Other Commissioners also talked about the congestion.

The Commission passed a motion 3-0 to agendize the Fremont traffic congestion issue for the next meeting.

(Evans, Margrave)

4. STAFF COMMENTS

Transportation Manager Woods informed the Commission about the new appointment to the Gold Line Construction Authority Board. Commissioner Evans elaborated on the selection and provided information to the Commission.

Mr. Woods also mentioned that the SR-110/Fair Oaks Interchange Improvement project was discussed at the last City Council meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

None.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FAIR OAKS

Commissioner Margrave asked about the total cost of SR-110/Fair Oaks Interchange Improvement project and other questions regarding the project.

Mr. Woods answered some of the question and also told the Commission he would send them the City Council staff report. The Commission discussed project further.

Councilmember Cacciotti also explained what occurred during the last City Council meeting regarding the project and his thoughts on how the City could move forward in terms of funding the project. He talked about setting aside funds, using the City reserves and other ways to fund the project. The Commission talked about the need and the traffic safety issues with regard to the on and off-ramps.

Commissioner Nuckols talked about the safety and liability issues. Mr. Woods and Councilmember Cacciotti talked about a letter being sent to the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), Caltrans and Metro. The Commission expressed a need to include language about safety and liability in the letter that would be sent to the various transportation agencies.

The next Fair Oaks Ave Improvement project and the two related post-project reports; one report being conducted by Public Works and one report to be carried out by the Freeway & Transportation Commission.

The Commission passed a motion 3-0 to have Commissioners make a presentation to the City Council recommending that the City vigorously pursue funding to complete the SR-110/Fair Oaks Interchange project to reduce congestion and liability, when said item is on the City Council agenda.

Mr. Woods read into the record the contract scope for the Public Works report and the City Council minutes. The Commission discussed the item.

The Commission then asked questions about the Signal Synchronization Project.

B. SR-710

Mr. Woods explained what the current situation of the SR-710 is. The City is sending delegation to the State capitol to talk about SR-710 issues.

Michael Cacciotti talked about his presentations to cities and communities about the SR-710, in an attempt to provide them with information about the current study and show them the benefits of transit alternatives.

Mr. Woods talked about the how the City is working with the other cities in a cooperative effort to try share cost and ideas regarding the SR-710 and how best to get the desired result of no SR-710 highway option.


7. AGENDA INPUT

The Commission requested the following to be on the next agenda: update on the SR-110/Fair Oaks Interchange project, Fremont traffic and the SR-710.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved By:



William Sherman
Chair